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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, some of which were previously cited in the form of an Information Disclosure Statement in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/204,289 which is listed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application, to the attention of the Examiner:

A printout (labeled W-1) of a World Wide Web site (Web site) relating to a "Hitachi MPEGCAM", 5 pages, printed July 8, 1997;

A printout (labeled W-2) of a Web site relating to a "Microplex NetWorkEye", 2 pages, printed August 14, 1997;

A printout (labeled W-3) of a Web site relating to a "StarDot WinCam", 3 pages, printed August 5, 1997;

A printout (labeled W-4) of a Web site relating to an "MRT Observer", 1 page, printed August 14, 1997;

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A printout (labeled W-6A) of a Web site relating to an "EarthCam Internet Camera", 2 pages, printed August 14, 1997. Applicant believes that this document, as well as document W-6B below, appears to be of particular relevance as it discusses an Automatic Server which can set variable time schedules;

A printout (labeled W-6B) of a Web site relating to the "EarthCam Internet Camera", 10 pages, printed October 3, 1997; and

A printout (labeled W-7) of a Web site relating to an "Axis NetEye", 1 page, printed August 14, 1997;

With respect to the Web sites cited herein, the date on which the site was reviewed and printed is given as the earliest date known to Applicants. Applicants make no representation that this "printed on" date is the earliest publication. However, Applicants are not aware of any practical way of determining the publication date on the World Wide Web.

Applicant also calls the following documents:

U.S. Patent No. 4,531,161 to MURAKOSHI, issued on July 23, 1985;

U.S. Patent No. 4,746,993 to TADA, issued on May 24, 1988;

U.S. Patent No. 4,853,733 to WATANABE et al., issued on August 1, 1989;

U.S. Patent No. 5,032,918 to OTA et al., issued on July 16, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,034,804 to SASAKI et al., issued on July 23, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,040,068 to PARULSKI et al., issued on August 13, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,062,010 to SAITO, issued on October 29, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,099,262 to TANAKA et al., issued on March 24, 1992;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,138,459 to ROBERTS et al., issued on August 11, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,146,353 to ISOGUCHI et al., issued on September 8, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,231,501 to SAKAI, issued on July 27, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,295,077 to FUKUOKA, issued on March 15, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,343,243 to MAEDA, issued on August 30, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,367,332 to KERNS et al., issued on November 22, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,414,464 to SASAKI, issued on May 9, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,402,170, to PARULSKI et al., issued on March 28, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,475,441, to PARULSKI et al., issued on December 12, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,486,853, to BAXTER, et al., issued on January 23, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,488,558, to OHKI, issued on January 30, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,506,617, to PARULSKI et al., issued on April 9, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,528,293, to WATANABE et al., issued on June 18, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,535,011 to YAMAGAMI et al., issued on July 9, 1996.

U.S. Patent No. 5,541,656, to KARE et al., issued on July 30, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,544,315, to LEHFELDT et al., issued on August 6, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,550,586, to KUDO et al., issued on August 27, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,568,192, to HANNAH et al., issued on October 22, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,581,299, to RANEY et al., issued on December 3, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,587,928, to JONES et al., issued on December 24, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,606,365, to MAURINUS et al., issued on February 25, 1997;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,631,701, to MIYAKE, issued on May 20, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,633,678, to PARULSKI et al., issued on May 27, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,640,204, to TSUTSUI, issued on June 17, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,646,684, to NISHIZAWA et al., issued on July 8, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,754,227 to FUKUOKA, issued on May 19, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,806,005 to HULL et al., issued on September 8, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,815,205 to HASHIMOTO et al., issued on September 29, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,917,542 to MOGHADAM et al., issued on June 29, 1999;

International Patent Application WO 91/07850, published on May 30, 1991;

International Patent Application WO 96/02106, published on January 25, 1996;

International Patent Application No. WO 99/48276, published on September 23, 1999;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP 3-268583, published on November 29, 1991, along with a partial English language translation;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP 4-980, published on January 6, 1992, along with a partial English language translation;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. JP 5-167979, published on July 2, 1993, along with a partial English language translation;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. JP 8-315106, published on November 29, 1996, along with an English language Abstract;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication JP HEI 10-243153, published on September 11, 1998, along with a complete English language translation;

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. JP 10-224676, published on August 21, 1998, along with an English language Abstract; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. JP 10-320685, published on December 4, 1998, along with an English language Abstract.

Applicant further submits the following non-patent documents:

Ricoh Digital Electronic Still (Video) Camera, Instruction Manual for Using DC-1, 1995, along with a partial English language translation; and

Ricoh DC-1 brochure, May, 1995, along with a partial English language translation.

Any comments herein with respect to the contents of the cited references are provided only for the Examiner's convenience. The presence or absence of detailed comments herein is not intended to, and does not, reflect Applicant's opinion as to the degree of materiality of any specific reference, but merely reflects that Applicant has reviewed some references cited herein to a greater depth than others. The included comments are not intended to, and do not, set forth Applicant's interpretation of the teachings of the prior art. Applicant intends that the Examiner refer directly to each provided reference to determine the extent and nature of the teachings therein. Accordingly, no estoppel should be deemed to attach to Applicant's comments herein.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and cite these documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/204,289 (mentioned on page 1 of this statement) to CREAMER et al., entitled "Integrated Internet Camera", filed on December 3, 1998;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/790,610 to ARAKI et al., entitled "Internet Camera System", filed on February 23, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/790,588 to ARAKI, entitled "Internet Camera", filed on February 23, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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